

SENATE RECORD VOTE ANALYSIS

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Vote No. 255

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TELECOMMUNICATIONS/Television Ownership

SUBJECT: Telecommunications Competition and Deregulation Act of 1995 . . . S. 652. Dorgan modified amendment No. 1278.

ACTION: AMENDMENT REJECTED, 47-52

SYNOPSIS: As reported, S. 652, the Telecommunications Competition and Deregulation Act of 1995, will amend telecommunications laws and reduce regulations in order to promote competition in the telecommunications industry by eliminating barriers that prevent telephone companies, cable companies, and broadcasters from entering one another's markets. It will also permit electric utilities to enter the cable and telephone markets. Judicial control of telecommunications policy, including the "Modified Final Judgment" regime, will be terminated.

The Dorgan modified amendment would strike section (207)(b)(1), which will change from the current 25 percent to 35 percent the percentage of the television market that any one entity may reach through ownership of multiple television stations, and which will eliminate the current 12-station ownership limit on television stations for any one entity. In lieu thereof, it would provide that the FCC would modify or remove local ownership rules as they apply to television broadcasters to the extent necessary to allow them to compete fairly, while at the same time making sure that the public receives information from a diversity of media sources and local information.

NOTE: The Senate first voted to accept the Dorgan modified amendment (see vote No. 253), and then agreed to reconsider that motion (see vote No. 254).

For debate, see vote No. 253.

YEAS (47)			NAYS (52)			NOT VOTING (0)	
Republicans (8 or 15%)	Democrats (39 or 85%)		Republicans (45 or 85%)	Democrats (7 or 15%)		Republicans (0)	Democrats (0)
Campbell	Akaka	Inouye	Abraham	Jeffords	Breaux		
DeWine	Baucus	Johnston	Ashcroft	Kassebaum	Bryan		
Domenici	Biden	Kennedy	Bennett	Kempthorne	Ford		
Faircloth	Bingaman	Kerrey	Bond	Kyl	Hollings		
Gorton	Boxer	Kerry	Brown	Lott	Moynihan		
Grassley	Bradley	Kohl	Burns	Lugar	Nunn		
Helms	Bumpers	Lautenberg	Chafee	McCain	Robb		
McConnell	Byrd	Leahy	Coats	Murkowski			
	Conrad	Levin	Cochran	Nickles			
	Daschle	Lieberman	Cohen	Packwood			
	Dodd	Mikulski	Coverdell	Pressler			
	Dorgan	Moseley-Braun	Craig	Roth			
	Exon	Murray	D'Amato	Santorum			
	Feingold	Pell	Dole	Shelby			
	Feinstein	Pryor	Frist	Simpson			
	Glenn	Reid	Gramm	Smith			
	Graham	Rockefeller	Grams	Snowe			
	Harkin	Sarbanes	Gregg	Specter			
	Heflin	Simon	Hatch	Stevens			
		Wellstone	Hatfield	Thomas			
			Hutchison	Thompson			
			Inhofe	Thurmond			
				Warner			
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						SYMBOLS: AY—Announced Yea AN—Announced Nay PY—Paired Yea PN—Paired Nay	